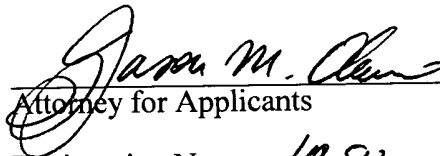


Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-3, 16-18, 19-25 and 27, with traverse.

Under M.P.E.P. § 821.04, Applicants request rejoinder of the claims of Group II, directed to the method of producing the product of Group I, in the event that the claims of Group I are allowed. If needed, Applicants request an opportunity to amend the claims of Group II to be commensurate with claims allowed in Group I.

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